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Sex Tourism in Transnational Contexts

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The material and discursive conditions in which affective sexual practices occur in transnational touristic contexts call for an understanding of tourism as a process of extraction and transference of eroticized capital. Unlike previous studies, the findings focus on how participants in transnational liaisons negotiate power, sex, solidarity, and monetary exchanges.

Determinants of Mobile Consumer Engagement: Moderating Role of Mobile Literacy

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We provide guidelines to promote adoption of mobile information and mobile consumer engagement behavior. We found that the impact of facilitators and inhibitors on intention to adopt mobile information were different for a low versus high product involvement in mobile advertising. Also, we consider moderating effect of mobile literacy.

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Dark Side of Brand Salience in Memory: Spillover to the #1 Brand

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This research examined if brand salience in memory is not always beneficial. The market leader brand is blamed or falsely implicated by scandals caused by other competing brands. Brand similarity or typicality had no bearing on these results.

Exploring Possible Causes for a Gender Difference in the Effect of Heaviness on Consumer Evaluation

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This study explores possible causes of why heaviness enhances men’s evaluations, but not women’s. We hypothesize that heaviness is metaphorically linked to the concept of power, and that experiencing heaviness activates the power concept more prominently in men than in women. The results of the Stroop test were as expected.

Effect of Paradoxical Advertising on Negativity Bias

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We examined a) if a paradoxical ad produces more positive evaluations as compared to the promotional ad, b) if product negativity with social value influences the evaluation of a paradoxical ad vs. promotional ad, and c) if attitude negativity toward the product induces a boomerang effect of a paradoxical ad.